URBAN DISTRICT

OF

FEATHERSTONE

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and the

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Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present, for your information and consideration, a Report on the Health and Health Services of Featherstone during the year 1967.

The Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector, dealing with the Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District, Housing and the Inspection and Supervision of Food Supplies, is complementary to this Report.

For your information, certain details of the personal health services administered by the County Council, are included.

I am,
Your Obedient Servant,

John D. Fraser.

Medical Officer of Health.

FEATHERSTONE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE - 1967.

Chairman: County Councillor D. Gray
Vice-Chairman: Cr. S. F. Gascoyne

Cr. F. G. Smith

Cr. G. Holt

Cr. R. Widdowson

Cr. Mrs. M. L. Fox

Cr. J. W. Bettridge

Cr. J. H. Livesey

Cr. H. Wright

Cr. D. Townsend

Cr. Mrs. N. Edgar

Cr. N. Longbottom

Clerk to the Council:

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Medical Officer of Health:

John F. Fraser, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

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PART ONE.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District:			4,425 Acres
Population, mid-year, Registrar General's Estimate:			15,160
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1967:			4,867
Rateable Value at end of 1967: £312,766		1966:	£298,176
Product of Penny Rate:	1967: £1,153	1966:	£1,110

VITAL STATISTICS.

The figures in brackets are the corresponding ones for 1966.

Live Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate:	153 (152)	151 (166)	304 (318)
Illegitimate:	7 (5)	9 (7)	16 (12)
Totals:	160 (157)	160 (173)	320 (330)

Crude birth rate per 1,000 estimated population:	21.1 (21.9)
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 estimated population:	20.1 (20.8)

Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate:	1 (4)	- (3)	1 (7)
Illegitimate:	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Totals:	1 (5)	- (3)	1 (8)

Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths:	3.1 (23.7)
Rate per 1,000 estimated population:	0.06 (0.52)

Deaths.	Male.	Female.	Total.
All Age Groups:	95 (76)	64 (65)	159 (141)

Deaths. Infants under one year.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate:	3 (2)	4 (2)	7 (4)
Illegitimate:	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Totals:	3 (2)	4 (2)	7 (4)

Deaths - Infants under four weeks	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate:	2 (-)	2 (2)	4 (2)
Illegitimate:	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Totals:	2 (-)	2 (2)	4 (2)

Maternal Deaths. 1 (1)

Death Rates.

Crude rate per 1,000 population:	10.5 (9.3)
Adjusted rate per 1,000 population:	14.7 (13.1)
All infants per 1,000 live births:	21.9 (12.1)
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births:	23.3 (7.9)
Maternal Deaths per 1,000 live and stillbirths:	3.12 (3.6)

The principal causes of death are set out in the following Table:-

TABLE I.

Cause of Death	M	F	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	8	4	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasm	8	7	15
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	10	5	15
Coronary Disease, Angina	20	13	33
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1	1
Other Heart Diseases	4	7	11
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	1	3
Pneumonia	7	7	14
Bronchitis	9	2	11
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	1	1
Congenital Malformations	2	2	4
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	7	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	2	6
All Other Accidents	9	-	9
Totals:	95	64	159

The number of deaths registered during the year was 159, an increase of 18 compared with last year. This yields a death rate of 10.5 per 1,000 of the estimated population as against a figure of 9.3 for the previous year. The rate for England and Wales is 11.2.

The principal causes of deaths as compared with 1966, 1965, 1964 and 1963 are as follows:-

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Heart Diseases	45	39	52	52	41
Cancer	35	21	26	24	12
Bronchitis	11	12	15	15	15
Tuberculosis (All forms)	2	Nil	2	Nil	1

INFANT MORTALITY.

The Infant Mortality rate for 1967 is 21.9, compared with 18.3 which is the figure for England and Wales.

The following table gives causes of Infant Deaths during 1967, classified into age groups and months of incidence:-

TABLE II.

Cause of Death	Weeks				Months				Under 1 year		
	-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	1-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	M	F	Total
Congenital Heart Defect.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Prematurity.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Broncho Pneumonia.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Congenital Atresia of Small Intestine.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Congenital Neoplasm at Base of Brain.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Gastro Enteritis.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Haemorrhagic Broncho Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Totals:-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	4	7

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR PREVIOUS SEVEN YEARS AS COMPARED WITH 1967.

Year.	Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Infant Mortality Rate.
1960	18.3	8.0	29.9
1961	19.1	8.9	35.6
1962	19.6	10.1	30.9
1963	19.0	8.2	21.3
1964	19.9	10.0	23.6
1965	20.5	9.9	13.0
1966	21.9	9.3	12.1
1967	21.1	10.5	21.9

COMPARISON OF FEATHERSTONE VITAL STATISTICS WITH OTHER WEST RIDING URBAN DISTRICTS, THE WEST RIDING ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY AND ENGLAND AND WALES.

TABLE III

	Featherstone Urban District	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (provisional figures)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 estimated population)				
Crude Rate	21.1	17.9	18.0	17.2
Adjusted Rate	20.1	18.2	18.2	*
DEATH RATE (per 1,000 estimated population).				
All causes. Crude Rate	10.5	11.8	11.2	11.2
Adjusted Rate	14.7	12.3	12.0	*
Infective and Para. Dis. Excl. Tub, but incl. Suphl. and other V.D.	-	0.04	0.03	*
Tuberculosis Respiratory	0.13	0.03	0.03	0.04
Tuberculosis Other	-	0.00	0.00	0.01
Tuberculosis - All forms	0.13	0.04	0.04	0.04
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	0.26	0.52	0.47	0.58
Cancer - All forms	2.31	2.21	2.08	2.28
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	0.99	1.83	1.73	*
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	3.17	4.51	4.26	*
Respiratory Diseases	1.78	1.38	1.30	*
Maternal Mortality (per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	3.12	0.13	0.22	0.20
Perinatal Mortality	15.6	26.8	26.1	25.4
Neonatal Mortality	12.5	13.3	13.1	12.5
Infant Mortality	21.9	19.2	19.2	18.3
Stillbirths (per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	3.1	15.7	15.2	14.8

* Figures not available

PART TWO

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following Table gives details of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis).

TABLE IV.

Disease	Jan/ Mar.	Apl/ June	July/ Sept.	Oct/ Dec.	Totals	Deaths	Number of cases admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	3	-	-	10	-	-
Measles	118	14	24	-	156	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	-	1	-	3	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Totals:-	128	17	27	-	172	-	2

Diphtheria

No cases of Diphtheria occurred during the year.

Immunisation

The Annual Immunisation programme against Diphtheria and Tetanus was continued during the year.

171 children under the age of 5 years received a full course of primary immunisation against Diphtheria and Tetanus. 91 children under 5 years received a reinforcing injection against Diphtheria and Tetanus.

395 school children received a reinforcing injection against Diphtheria and 400 a reinforcing injection against Tetanus.

A further 164 school children had a primary course against tetanus and 64 against diphtheria.

The percentage of school children who have been immunised against diphtheria is 82.32% and against tetanus, 79.20%

The percentage of children in Featherstone protected against Poliomyelitis is 87.16%

TUBERCULOSIS

The following Table summarises particulars contained in the Register of Tuberculous Persons:-

TABLE V.

Number of Cases in Register	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total in Register
	M	F	M	F	
At the commencement of 1967	64	38	10	15	127
Notified for the first time during 1967	1	-	-	-	1
Inward Transfers.	1	-	2	1	4
Removed from Register.	5	3	1	-	9
Cases remaining on Register at end of 1967.	61	35	11	16	123

The reasons for removal of cases from the Register are given in the following Table:-

TABLE VI

Entries relating to:-	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Persons who have died.	3	1	-	-	4
Persons certified by the medical practitioner in attendance to have recovered.	-	2	-	-	2
Persons who have ceased to reside in district.	2	-	1	-	3
Revised diagnosis.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:-	5	3	1	-	9

In the following Table, new cases and mortality are classified according to age, sex and site of disease:-

TABLE VII

Ages	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 65	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Over 65	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Totals:	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-

National Assistance Act.

Section 47

It was not found necessary to deal with any patients under the above Act.

PART III

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF THE

WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

DIVISION 12.

Pontefract Municipal Borough.
Featherstone Urban District.
Knottingley Urban District.
Osgoldcross Rural District.

ANNUAL REPORT

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Divisional Staff at 31st December, 1967.

Divisional Medical Officer.

J. F. Fraser, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Senior Departmental Medical Officer and School Medical Officer.

J. T. Clow, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

School Medical Officer (Part-Time)

J. Simons, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Leeds Regional Hospital Board - Visiting Staff.

Ophthalmologist.

K. K. Prasher, M.B., B.S., D.O.

Orthopaedic Surgeon.

R. W. L. Calderwood, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Oto-Rhino Laryngologist.

K. M. Mayall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.Ch., F.R.F.P.S.

Divisional Nursing Officer.

Mrs. M. Craig.

Health Visitors and School Nurses.

Mrs. P. M. Brice.
Mrs. B. Clarke.
Miss L. O. I. Day.
Miss A. Elsley.
Mrs. M. Faulkner.
Miss B. N. Kennington.
Miss M. Reading.
Mrs. M. P. Sawyer.
Miss S. Sharpe.
Mrs. E. M. Vipurse.
Mrs. M. K. Walsh.

Assistant Health Visitor.

Mrs. L. Hudson.

Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

Mrs. E. W. Petch.

Midwives.

Mrs. K. Berry.
Miss E. S. Essex.
Mrs. E. Glover. (Relief)
Mrs. A. Hepworth.
Mrs. B. Murphy.
Miss C. Norton.
Mrs. P. Philip.
Mrs. A. M. Randall.
Mrs. S. Whitehead.

Home Nurses.

Mrs. S. G. Cousins.
Mrs. S. Eaton.
Mrs. M. L. Etherington.
Mrs. F. Green.
Mrs. V. McVeigh.
Mrs. A. Pearce.
Mrs. J. M. Pycock.
Mrs. D. Vause.

Mental Welfare Officers.

Miss M. Horsley.
Mr. G. F. G. Townend.

Speech Therapist.

Mrs. N. Hepworth.

Clerical Staff.

Mr. W. Carver. (Senior Clerk).
Mr. R. L. Smith. (Deputy Senior Clerk)
Miss R. Duker.
Miss J. M. E. Ellis.
Miss J. M. Gibbons.
Miss J. L. Newman.
Miss B. A. Rooke.
Miss A. Stainton.
Mrs. M. Slack (Part-time)
Miss S. E. Wigham.
Mrs. P. Ramsdale. (Part-time)
Mrs. S. Smith. (Part-time)

INTRODUCTION.

In this section is given a brief account of the services provided by the West Riding County Council as a whole, under Part III of the National Health Service Act.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

The number of live births registered in the divisional area during 1967 was 1399, an increase of 40 compared with the previous year.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE, 20.2 per thousand of the estimated population compared with 20.0 in the previous year. It was well above the West Riding Administrative County rate of 1[illegible].0 and the England and Wales birth rate of 17.2.

Deaths.

The deaths assigned to the divisional area after correction for transfers were 644, a decrease of 19 compared with 1966.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE from all causes was 9.3 per 1,000 of the estimated population. The West Riding Administrative area was 11.2 and England and Wales, 11.2.

Infant Mortality.

In 1967 the deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 31, an increase of 5 compared with 1966. The Infant Mortality was 22.2 as against 19.1 in the previous year.

Maternal Mortality.

There was one maternal death in the divisional area during the year.

MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES.

Domiciliary Midwifery.

Of the 1424 notified live births, 423 were delivered by domiciliary midwives, the private doctors being present in 43 of these cases.

Notifications.

The following notifications were received from midwives practicing in the Division:-

Death of Mother.	-
Death of Child.	-
Still Births.	8
Liability to be source of infection.	-

Medical Assistance.

Medical Aid notices sent in by Midwives during 1967 numbered 8, all of these being domiciliary.

Analgesia.

All the domiciliary midwives held the certificate in gas and air analgesia administration and were equipped with a Trilene Analgesia Machine.

Pethidine only was given in 78 cases. Trilene was administered in 71 cases and with Pethidine in 203 cases.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

There are two ante-natal clinics in the Division which are held at Pontefract and Knottingley. During the year 203 patients attended. The total number of attendances was 1018. 30 patients were examined post-natally during the year.

Relaxation Classes.

Relaxation classes for expectant mothers are held at Pontefract and Featherstone clinics.

These have continued to be fairly well attended and the number of attendances at these Clinics during the year was 549.

Institutional Midwifery.

Patients from this Division are admitted to either the Castleford Maternity Home or to the Southmoor Maternity Unit, Hemsworth.

During the year accommodation was provided for all applicants having their first baby, and for all those with home conditions unsuitable for a domiciliary confinement. Of the remaining applicants a high proportion were allotted beds.

Cervical Cytology.

A clinic is now held each week at the Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract. Facilities for this examination are now available to all married women.

During 1967 twenty nine sessions were held and 484 women examined.

CHILD WELFARE.

There are County owned clinics at Pontefract, Featherstone and Knottingley. A mobile caravan type clinic visits the Parishes of Whitley Bridge, Womersley, Eggborough, Brotherton, Kellington, Heck, Hensall, Monk Fryston and Fairburn in the Osgoldcross Rural District, at fortnightly intervals.

During 1967, 2686 children attended at clinics and they made 21,517 attendances.

The following proprietory preparations were available at cost prices to all women attending at the Clinics:-

Ostermilk No. 2.	Farex.
Trufood, humanised.	Robinson's Groats.
Cow and Gate, full cream.	Robinson's Triple Pack.
Minadex.	Robrex.
Trufood Cereal.	Robsoup.
Adexolin.	Rose Hip Syrup.
Scotts Twin Pack.	

The annual turnover of baby food, etc., is approximately £6,000.

The following were distributed free of charge:-

Ascorbic Acid.	Ferrous Fumerate Tablets.
Fersamel Syrup.	Lactation Tablets.

I wish to express my thanks to the ladies of the Voluntary Committees at the Clinics for all the work they have done during the year.

Premature Babies.

During the year 93 babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less were born in hospitals or nursing homes to mothers normally resident in the Division, and 13 were born at home.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Medical Inspections.

The periodic medical examination of the four age groups, i.e. the entrants (5 years +), second age group (7 years +), intermediate years (10 years +) and leavers (14 years +) continued throughout the year at 50 schools in the Division.

Re-examination of children who, at previous periodic or special examination had been found to have defects, were made at each school medical inspection. During the year 3507 periodic inspections and 1479 re-examinations were carried out.

General Condition of Children.

All pupils at routine medical inspections are classified as to their general condition at the time of examination, and 99.86% were classified as satisfactory and only .14% as unsatisfactory.

Uncleanliness.

During the year health visitors and school nurses made 29,955 examinations of children in schools. Of these, 411 individual children were found to be infested.

SPECIAL CLINICS.

Ophthalmic Clinics.

Dr. K. K. Prasher holds weekly clinics at the Central Clinic, Pontefract. During the year 1,491 children were examined. Of these, 525 were prescribed glasses.

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics.

Mr. K. M. Mayall holds fortnightly sessions at the Central Clinic, Pontefract, for children from this Division. During the year Mr. Mayall held 24 sessions and saw 131 children. In all, the children made 326 attendances.

Orthopaedic Clinics.

Mr. R. W. L. Calderwood, Orthopaedic Surgeon, holds a monthly clinic at the Central Clinic, Pontefract, and during the year 10 sessions were held. 104 children were seen at these clinics and the total number of attendances made was 120.

Child Guidance Treatment.

A Child Guidance Clinic is held weekly at the Central Clinic, Pontefract. Children from surrounding divisional areas attended here in addition to our own. Dr. K. Maxwell held consultant sessions.

Mr. D. G. Pickles, Clinic Psychologist, and Mrs. P. Y. Harris, Psychiatric Social Worker, continued to do much good work at the Clinic.

Speech Therapy.

Mrs. N. Hepworth, Speech Therapist, held clinics on two half-days each week at Pontefract Central Clinic. In addition she has one session each week at the Castle Day E.S.N. School and at the Knottingley Clinic. During the year 170 sessions were held and 116 children were treated.

Handicapped Pupils.

The regular medical examination of handicapped children continued during the year and where necessary, recommendations were made for placement in special schools.

Medical Examination of Teachers and Entrants to Training Colleges.

It is the duty of the School Medical Officer to examine candidates applying for entry to Training Colleges for the purpose of satisfying the college authorities of their fitness to follow a course of teacher training. During the year 79 candidates were examined and where necessary x-ray examinations arranged.

In the case of entrants to the teaching profession, 26 examinations were made.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis.

The programme of vaccination was continued during the year.

At the end of 1967 the position was as follows:-

Children and Young Persons under 18 years of age.

Number vaccinated.	23,012

Young Persons born between 1933 and 1942.

Number vaccinated.	3,145

Adults.

Number vaccinated.	1,070
	27,227

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis is offered for the first time to all children in the year of their 13th. birthday. With the consent of the parents, a test is performed to see if the child has already encountered the germ of Tuberculosis. If it has done so, no further action is taken, as it is assumed that the child is acquiring a natural immunity. If, however, the test indicates that the child has not encountered tubercle bacillus, then vaccination is carried out.

The age of 13 years has been chosen because at this age the natural resistance to the disease tends to drop and it is hoped to confer protection during the years of increased risk.

In addition, vaccination is offered each year to those pupils over the age of 13 years, who have previously been absent or whose parents have not consented. Each child has, therefore, a continuing opportunity to be vaccinated before leaving school.

No. of consent forms issued.	No. of affirmative consent forms received.	Mantoux Test.	Mantoux Negative.	Mantoux Positive.
789	512	453	428	25

Not Ascertained.	B.C.G. Vaccination.
-	428

HEALTH VISITING.

During the year, the following number of visits were made by the Health Visitors in the Division:

No. of children under 5 years of age visited during the year 5,446

Total visits made to children under 1 year of age 6,047

Total visits made to children aged 1 and under 2 years 4,455

Total visits made to children aged 2 but under 5 years 8,244

Total visits made to tuberculous households 2,032

Persons aged 65 or over (excluding Domestic Help only visits) 1,094

No. of visits to persons aged 65 or over 1,848

HOME NURSING.

During the year 21,624 visits were paid by home nurses compared with 20,848 in the previous year.

The number of cases attended and visits made are shown below:-

Classification.	No. of Cases attended by Home Nurses during the year.	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year.
(1) Medical	535	17,731
(2) Surgical	195	3,167
(3) Infectious Diseases.	7	68
(4) Tuberculosis.	3	73
(5) Maternal Complications.	37	340
(6) Other.	19	245
TOTALS:-	796	21,624
Patients included in above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year.	438	15,027
Children included in above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year.	17	69
Patients included in above who have had more than 24 visits during the year.	218	16,163

The reduction in the work carried out by the Home Nurses corresponds with the national picture. It is partly attributable to a change-over from drugs given by injection to newer drugs given by mouth.

CHIROPODY SERVICE.

A free chiropody service is provided for the following categories of patient:-

(a) Expectant Mothers.
(b) Persons of Pensionable age. (i.e. Males over 65, Females over 60.)
(c) Handicapped Persons.

Clinics are held at the Pontefract, Featherstone and Knottingley Clinics. Patients who are unable, on health grounds, to attend the clinics, are treated in their own homes.

In 1967, 610 patients were treated at the Clinics, and made 2,018 attendances, and 388 patients were treated at home and 1,788 treatments given.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The Home Help Service is provided under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Section 29 of the Act stipulates the class of case for which provision of a Home Help can be made. These are as follows:-

(a) Ill.
(b) Lying-in.
(c) Aged.
(d) Expectant Mother.
(e) Mental Defective.
(f) A child not over compulsory school age.

Before a Home Help can be provided, a form of application must be signed by the head of the household on which he undertakes either to pay the whole cost of the service or to give a statement of his income and agree to pay the assessed charge according to the County Council scheme.

Under no circumstances can a Home Help be used as a sitter-in and the amount of assistance which a patient is granted is related strictly to the amount of domestic work which is required to be done.

The authorised establishment of Home Helps in this Division at 31st December, 1967 was 47.

Authorised Divisional Establishment.

(i)	Basic.	47
(ii)	From Reserve.	-
(iii)	Total.	47

No. of Domestic Helps employed at 31st December, 1967.

(i)	Whole-time.	-
(ii)	Part-time.	64
(iii)	Total.	64

Cases provided with Domestic Help during the year ended 31st December, 1967.

	No. of cases.	Hours Employed.
Under 65.		
(i) Maternity (including expectant mothers)	23	991
(ii) Chronic Sick and Tuberculous.	84	4,487
(iii) Others.	6	115
Over 65.	534	90,322
	647	95,915

Number of Home Helps that could have been employed full-time - 46.11

MENTAL HEALTH.

Much good work in this field was carried out during the year by the two Mental Welfare Officers working in the Division.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF STAFF.

In 1967, 49 examinations were made of staff in connection with superannuation.

Vaccination and Immunisation in Schools.

In 1962 the school immunisation programme was extended to include protection against Tetanus. There has been growing emphasis for this in recent years and it can now be administered in a combined form with Diphtheria.

By the end of 1967 out of a school population of 11,919 children, 9,828 had received protection against Diphtheria representing 82.44% of the population, whilst in the five years that Tetanus protection has been available, 9,490 (79.61%) children have been immunised against Tetanus.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was also introduced into the school programme in 1964 in order to improve the immunity rate. 10,320 school children are now protected against this disease, representing 89.87% of the school population.

The ready co-operation of the headteachers is very much appreciated in these schemes, the success of which is shown in the high immunity rates achieved amongst school children.

Vaccination against Smallpox.

During 1967 461 primary vaccinations against Smallpox were carried out.

The Child Neglected in its Own Home.

Meetings of the Co-Ordinating Committee for the care of the child neglected in its own home were held.

These meetings attended by representatives of the Health, Welfare, Education and Children's Departments of the County Council, the Health and Housing Departments of the County District Councils, together with the Probation Officer, N.S.P.C.C. Inspector and National Assistance Board Officer, were helpful in providing an interchange of information and a co-ordinated approach to the individual case.

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FEATHERSTONE

ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my report for the year 1967.

Again its preparation has been long delayed in spite of my expressed hopes of last year.

Housing matters continued to take up far too much of the time of all members of the department, to the detriment of routine Public Health duties.

The required information is included but again to prevent further delay, other matters dealt with have been omitted.

My thanks are due to my own staff and that of the Medical Officer of Health for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. Ellison

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER SUPPLY.

All dwellings in the district are connected to the mains water supply which is obtained from the Wakefield and District Water Board. In general, complaints are made direct to the responsible Officers of the Board so that this Department's knowledge of alleged inadequacy is usually limited to those cases where private service pipes are at fault.

Weekly chemical and bacteriological samples are taken by the Board's Chemist; of the raw water, of water chlorinated but not filtered, and of water entering the supply after final treatment. Immediate check samples are taken of any proving unsatisfactory, the chlorine doseage is increased and the matter fully investigated. Any new mains are cleared by the Chemist before being brought into use.

As previously reported, the water at source is more acid than your original supply and to obtain a stable p.H. value, the final level is maintained at 9.

The fluoride content continued to be negligible, never exceeding 0.1 p.p.m.

The iron oxide staining of clothes dried in spin dryers was finally cleared up in March.

SWIMMING BATHS.

The swimming bath at St. Wilfrid's R.C. High School is in use throughout the school year, whilst the Lister Baths open from April to September.

The Lister Baths comprise two pools, one large and one small and the school has one pool only. The water is drawn initially from the public mains and is maintained in satisfactory condition in both cases by fully automatic treatment plant, the water at the Lister Baths being changed every three hours and at the school every six hours.

Chlorine content and p.H. value are checked three times daily by the respective responsible officers.

The total number of bacteriological samples taken was 158 of which 136 were satisfactory. In addition 79 samples were taken as Laboratory checks on p.H. value and chlorine content.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AND DRAINAGE.

During 1967 57 additional water closets were provided for existing dwellings by improvements. In some cases this would eliminate the existing external water closets, but accurate figures of this are not available. 141 new dwellings were constructed with water closets.

At the end of the year there were:-

4 houses with Waste Water Closets
5 houses with Chemical Closets
4 houses with Privy Closets
5054 houses with Water Closets

None of the planned improvement works were carried out at either Sewage Works or to the sewers.

Continued house building, particularly the Ackton Hall Site draining to Old Snydale, further aggravated the situation as did the several periods of heavy rain with the subsequent flooding that followed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Two home isolation cases of Scarlet Fever were investigated during the year.

No other investigations were necessary.

INSECT INFESTATIONS.

Although the occasional cases of bed bug infestation are still found, these are never of a major nature. Instead complaints now usually relate to flies, wasps, bees and other flying insects.

All complaints receive attention and unusual insects identified.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no common lodging houses within the district.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are no caravans or sites licenced under the Act. One caravan is occupied with Planning permission but is exempt from the provisions of the Act.

The usual problems again occurred due to the use of certain sites by itinerants, if anything on an increasing scale.

The only solution would appear to be the provision of sufficient suitable sites throughout the County giving some reasonable degree of control. Until then much time will be wasted in investigating complaints and checking sites.

RODENT CONTROL

The rodent control service continued to function efficiently.

In view of previous record of rat-free sewers, a sewer treatment during 1967 was not considered necessary by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

All other Council property receives constant attention so that infestations are kept to a minimum.

The table below sets out the incidence of infestations and control measures taken for the 12 months 1st January to 31st December, 1967.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	TYPE OF PROPERTY NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in district	5561	47
2. a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	744	-
b Number infested by (i) Rats	105	-
(ii) Mice	133	-
3. a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	11	-
b Number infested by (i) Rats	10	-
(ii) Mice	1	-

HOUSING.

At the 31st December, 1967, there were 330 applicants for houses and 217 for bungalows, representing an increase of 33 on the 1966 housing list and 25 on the bungalow list.

During the year 124 new Council dwellings were completed and occupied as follows:-

Houses	- 3 bedrooms	51
Houses	- 2 bedrooms	13
Houses	- Wardens	2
Bungalows	- Aged persons	50
Flats	- 1 bedroom	8

In all, 264 new tenancies were created during 1967, excluding those where a simple change of name in the rent book was effected.

The Featherstone U.D.C. (Loscoe No. 2) Clearance Order, 1966, was confirmed, without modification, in September. This covered 43 houses of the 111 total number.

By the end of the year 84 families had moved out and 7 houses had been demolished.

A copy of the housing statistics for 1967 follows:-

1. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Unfit for human habitation	7	*247	*84
(2) Included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(3) On land acquired under Sec. 43 (2), Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957	21	15	7
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-
Dwellings previously reported closed	-		

* Includes 50 persons - 18 families displaced but not rehoused by Local Authority.

2. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957 and Sec. 26 Housing Act, 1961	3	3	1
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

3. NEW DWELLINGS.

Number of new dwellings completed during the year:-

(a) By the Local Authority 124

(b) By Private Enterprise 17

4. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	55	-
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	23	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(13) Under Section 24/27 Housing Act, 1957	-	-

5. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957).

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation (a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53	-	-

6. PURCHASES OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in col. (1) (2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year.	-	-

7. NO. OF FAMILIES REHOUSED DURING THE YEAR INTO COUNCIL OWNED DWELLINGS.

(a) Clearance Areas, etc 74

(b) Overcrowding 9

8. RENT ACT, 1957.

(a) No. of Certificates of Disrepair granted ..... None

(b) No. of Undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the Local Authority ..... None

(c) No. of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled ..... None

9. OVERCROWDING.

The 9 cases referred to above were statutory cases. Several other families were rehoused where there were insufficient bedrooms.

10. GRANTS FOR CONVERSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.

	Formal Applications received during the year	Applications approved during the year	No. of dwellings completed during the year
	Number of Dwellings	Number of Dwellings	
(a) Conversions (the number of dwellings is the no. resulting from completion of the work)	1	1	1
(b) Improvements	71	69	57

11. DETAILS OF ADVANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING OR CONSTRUCTING HOUSES.

Number made ..... 106.

FOOD INSPECTION.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION.

There are no slaughterhouses in the district, meat inspection is therefore restricted to that found in butchers shops.

FOOD HAWKERS.

Nineteen registered mobile shops serve the district. All are inspected before registration.

FOOD PREMISES.

Number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

(a) Ice-cream

Manufacture and sale	2
Retailers	61

(b) Sausages, Potted or Preserved Food 8

MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS.

Number of samples of raw milk taken	40
Number of positive samples found	Nil

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960.

Food premises according to trade at end of the year.

Class of Premises	Man. of Prep.	Sale	Total	Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960		
				No. complying with Reg. 16	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. complying with Reg. 19
General Grocery		55	55	55	55	55
Bread and Confectionery	5		5	5	5	5
Sugar Confectionery		8	8	8	8	8
Greengrocer, fish and poultry		6	6	6	6	6
Butcher and meat preparation	8	11	19	19	19	19
Chemists		3	3	3	3	3
Fish Frying	11		11	11	11	11
Public Houses and Clubs		21	21	21	21	21
Cafes, snack bars and canteens	8		8	8	8	8
Beer and mineral water bottling	1		1	1	1	1
Totals	33	104	137	137	137	137

POULTRY INSPECTION.

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Two vehicles were in regular use for refuse collection, with the spare vehicle being brought into service when necessary.

Towards the end of the year the larger of the two regular vehicles broke down and due to the cost of parts alone, together with a long delivery period, a second-hand vehicle in running order was purchased at a price less than the cost of the parts required to repair our own vehicle.

In view of the requirements of The Motor Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1966 No. 1288 this action could only be considered as a temporary expedient, and a new vehicle was ordered in December.

During October a one month trial of a "task" system was introduced and was an immense success. By this arrangement, given normal conditions - i.e. full teams and no breakdowns - it was found possible to maintain a seven and a half day (five and a half working day) collection with the larger vehicle and a seven day(five working day) collection with the smaller one.

Thus, complaints of delayed collections were largely eliminated but complaints of spillage and missed bins tended to increase a little. These were, of course, due to the increased speed at which the men were working.

Disposal was by tipping, again restricted to farm land which is being reclaimed

CESSPOOL AND GULLY EMPTYING.

The houses served by cesspools are mainly concentrated in two areas, namely Ackton Wood Pastures and part of Ackworth Road, Purston, with a few others in isolated parts of the district. All the cesspools are emptied regularly by the cesspool/gully machine, which is also used for street gully cleansing on the Council's roads.

This machine proves extremely useful in dealing with serious drain or sewer stoppages and on occasions when flooding takes place. It is also used as a snowplough.

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SMOKE CONTROL.

DOMESTIC

The installation of appliances capable of burning solid smokeless fuels of the types which were available continued in new and improved dwellings.

During 1967 your first houses with solid fuel central heating systems became available, but as raw coal is largely used, little benefit as far as cleaner air is concerned is derived.

The Wentworth House Aged Persons Scheme was completed, comprising Warden's House, Common Room, Launderette etc. and twenty four bungalows, all served by a small district heating system fired by solid fuel.

The Ackton Hall Scheme with twenty six bungalows, Warden's House and similar communal facilities was also completed. This again is heated by a solid fuel district heating system.

Enormous benefits are derived from these systems, combing the efficient use of fuel with the virtual elimination of low level atmospheric pollution.

INDUSTRIAL

The two brickworks are still hand-fired coal burning.

The scrap cable recovery plant is fitted with a purpose built, oil-fired furnace. This plant is controlled by H.M. Alkali Inspectorate.

All other industrial plant is either automatically coal-fired, oil-fired, gas-fired or electrified.

FACTORIES.

I give below the particulars required by the Ministry of Labour under the Factories Act, 1961 Section 153 (1).

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	53	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	20	87	-	-
TOTAL	61	150	1	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found - (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-

PART V111 OF THE ACT
OUTWORK
(SECTIONS 133 & 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
ALL LISTED WORKS	-	-	NIL	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Prescribed particulars to be included in the annual report to the Minister of Labour by local authorities and the London County Council under section 60.

TABLE A - REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Period covered 1st January -31st Dec. 1967.

Class of premises.	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	1	12	6
Retail Shops	1	49	22
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	9	9
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
Totals	3	70	37

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

81

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workpeople.	Number of persons employed
(1)	(2)
Offices	32
Retail shops	130
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	43
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	-
Total	207
Total Males	59
Total Females	148

TABLE D - EXEMPTIONS

M/c. Line No.	Class of premises	No. of exemptions current at end of year	During the year						
			No. of exemptions			No. of applications		Appeals to Court agai refusal to grant or ex an exemption or against withdrawal of an exemp	
			newly granted	extended	expired or withdrawn	refused	opposed by employees	No. made	No. allow
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
			Part I - Space (Sec. 5(2))						
1	Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Retail shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Fuel storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			Part II - Temperature (Sec. 6)						
11	Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Retail shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Fuel storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			Part III - Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)						
21	Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Retail shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Fuel storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE D - EXEMPTIONS

A/c. Line No.	Class of premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at end of year (2)	During the year: No. of exemptions: newly granted (3)	extended (4)	expired or withdrawn (5)	No. of applications: refused (6)	opposed by employees (7)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption: No. made (8)	No. allowed (9)
	Part IV - Washing Facilities (Sec. 10(1))								
31	Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Retail Shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Fuel storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE E - PROSECUTIONS

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in 1967.

Section of Act or title of Regulation or Order	No. of persons or companies prosecuted	No. of informations laid	No. of informations leading to a conviction
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-

No. of complaints (or summary applications) made under section 22 ..... none

No. of interim orders granted ..... none

TABLE F - INSPECTORS

No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act 2

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act.... .... none